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Commissioner Robert Taub, Chairman
Commissioner Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Nanci Langley, Commissioner Mark Acton
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

We join the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC), the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year, so if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission.

The Mission of Enders Island is to proclaim in word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the light of the Catholic faith. We fulfill this mission by providing for the ministerial formation of priests, religious and laity; by offering retreats, recovery opportunities, spiritual development, and educational programs; and by providing other programs and services that answer the call for evangelization of the Church and the world. We focus on the healing, nurturing, educational, and sacramental aspects of retreats and spiritual recovery.

Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will have a serious impact on our budget and ability to continue our mission and meet the needs of the people we serve.

Please do the right thing and reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,

Debra Neuman
Executive Director of Development